



Captain Paul N. Jaenichen

Commodore, Submarine Squadron Eleven



Captain Jaenichen graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering. Early tours included assignments as Division Officer onboard USS SKIPJACK (SSN-585) from February 1984 to August 1985 and USS OKLAHOMA CITY (SSN-723) from August 1985 to October 1988 where he was a plankowner on the commissioning crew.

After attending the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, he completed a split Department Head tour that included assignments as Combat Systems Officer onboard USS BATON ROUGE (SSN-689) from April 1989 to January 1991 and as Engineer Officer onboard USS KEY WEST (SSN-722) from January 1991 to July 1992. He then served as the Department Head Detailer in the Submarine Officer Assignments Branch at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington DC from August 1992 to July 1994.

From September 1994 to June 1996, Captain Jaenichen served as Executive Officer onboard USS KENTUCKY (SSBN-737)(BLUE). After completing three strategic deterrent patrols, he was assigned as Officer in Charge of Moored Training Ship 1 (MTS-635) from September 1996 to December 1998. During this tour, he was responsible for initial qualification of over 1200 officer and enlisted nuclear-trained operators annually prior to their first at-sea assignment. He also supervised the first out-of-area maintenance availability of nuclear prototype which involved two 600-mile open ocean tows.

Captain Jaenichen commanded USS ALBANY (SSN-753) from September 1999 to June 2002. During his tour, the ship conducted an extended deployment to the Mediterranean and began a 13-month Depot Maintenance Period at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Following his command tour, Captain Jaenichen was assigned as Senior Member of the Atlantic Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from June 2002 to July 2004. During this tour, he was responsible for certifying compliance and reactor safety for all nuclear powered submarines and aircraft carriers assigned to the US Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Jaenichen next served as Executive Assistant to the Director of Submarine Warfare on the Navy Staff from July 2004 to March 2005 and then transferred to the Joint Staff. While assigned to the Joint Staff from March 2005 to March 2007, Captain Jaenichen served as Chief, Western Europe and Balkans Division and later as Chief, European and NATO Policy in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5).

Captain Jaenichen's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (Three Awards), Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Five Awards), and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Two Awards).